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SUBJECT: NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO EGYPT

1. NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE IS WELL ADVANCED IN PLANNING ITS 1974 VISIT TO NEA AREA, SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD APRIL 22-MAY 12. NWC WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE EGYPT ON ITS ITINERARY (NOT VISITED SINCE BEFORE 1967 ARAB-ISRAEL WAR).

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2. DEPARTMENT INITIALLY NEGATIVE, BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HOWEVER, WITH IMPROVED US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS AND BEGINNING OF SUCCESSFUL DISENGAGEMENT, WE BELIEVE VISIT MAY NOW BE FEASIBLE, PROVIDING INDICATION OF CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN OUR BILATERAL TIES.

3. INFORMAL INQUIRY (NOT REPEAT NOT INITIATED BY DEPARTMENT) THROUGH AMBASSADOR GHORBAL HAS RESULTED IN RESPONSE THAT CAIRO QUOTE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A VISIT, IN PRINCIPLE, END QUOTE WITH VERY OBVIOUS CAVEAT THAT FINAL

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APPROVAL WOULD DEPEND UPON POLITICAL CLIMATE IN DAYS
IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PROPOSED VISIT.

4. COMPLETE ITINERARY OF NWC NOT YET FIRM. PRESENT
SCHEDULE CALLS FOR GROUP TO BEGIN IN ISRAEL ON APRIL 22 TO
BE FOLLOWED BY JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, THREE SOA COUNTRIES,
AND WIND UP IN IRAN. EXACT DATE FOR EGYPT VISIT MAY BE

ABOUT MAY 12, BUT WOULD PREFER TO AWAIT OTHER NEA EMBASSY
COMMENTS TO CIRCULAR TELEGRAM WHICH TRANSMITTED JANUARY
24.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON VISIT, TIMING.
IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED TO VISIT, YOU MAY PROCEED
IMMEDIATELY TO SEEK FORMAL CONCURRENCE OF GOE. KISSINGER

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